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Applicants : Yoichi FUJII et al.
Serial No. : Rule 1.53 Divisional
Application of : Prior Group Art Unit: 1648
USSN 09/333,521
Filed : Concurrently Herewith
Title : NEF-ATTACHABLE PROTEIN, DNA ENCODING THE
PROTEIN AND A MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY AGAINST
SAID PROTEIN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

With reference to the above-identified patent application, please amend the
application prior to issuance of the first Office Action.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION", please insert the following
paragraph:

--This application is a Divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/333,521, filed
June 15, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 27 as shown in clean form:

27. (Amended) A method to diagnose the development of AIDS comprising
using a DNA molecule which encodes a protein represented by SEQ ID NO:1 or which